

NEWSLETTER



ARBORETA & BOTANIC GARDENS

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ARBORETUM DIVISION

Our Christmas Luncheon this year will be held December 19, 12:00 noon in the Lecture Hall. Hope you can all be there.

Horticulturist, Tim Lorman had a very interesting trip in Mexico gathering specimens of bromeliads.

EDUCATION DIVISION

Christmas decorations will be completed for the historical buildings on December 12. Volunteers are spending the week house cleaning and preparing decorations for the display. The greens and trees used in the buildings are being provided by Descanso Gardens.

The final version of the graphic displays for the deck of the Prehistoric Jungle is now completed and the final copy is being produced by the graphic arts section of the Chief Administrative Office. The display will be ready in early 1976.

Schedules for Adult and Youth Education classes for the spring semester will be available January 2, 1976.

PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION

The PSD has lost Linda Hazard, its hard-working ITC, to the Communications Department. Linda handled a variety of jobs during the two years she was with us in a highly competent manner. We will miss her fine work and her cheerful, cooperative spirit.

As usual at this time of year, the print shop, manned by tour guides Marianne Sioles and Glenn Dodd, is busy turning out class schedules and fillers for the Arbor Day packet in addition to calendars, maps, and other routine material. Demand for our brochures is increasing and with it the need for longer press runs.

RESEARCH DIVISION

We wish to extend our official welcome to Dr. David Deardorff who recently joined the Research Division. Dave earned his doctorate at the University of Washington where his major was in plant taxonomy and where he worked as a teaching assistant. He will be working with Lee Enari on a number of projects aimed at developing and extending the plant collections at our three gardens.

We would also like to welcome to the Research Division, Dr. Ron Quinn, Associate Professor of Biology at Cal Poly University. Dr. Quinn is presently on sabbatical leave from Cal Poly and for the coming year will be associated with the Arboretum as a visiting research scientist. His research interests include the ecology of Southern California chaparral vegetation and effects of brush fires on small mammal populations. He will be working closely with Ken Montgomery on several of these studies.

DESCANSO DIVISION

The annual Christmas Show will be staged in the Hospitality House beginning Saturday, December 6 and continuing through Sunday, December 14. This year, the mornings of December 10 and 11 will be set aside for handicapped persons of Los Angeles County to visit the Show.

Mr. John Anson Ford, former County Supervisor, visited Descanso Gardens recently. He is still hearty at 93.

Garner Engel almost a fixture at Descanso for 17 years, retired November 30th.

Nat Jackson, Joe Macias, and Mike Schary expanded the stream at Fern Canyon an additional 150 feet. Exotic ferns and other shade plants will be added to enhance the beauty of the fern grotto.

This crew is also preparing beds around the new patios so that shrubs, trees, and other plants may be added to the landscape at these sites.

Descanso Gardens received a donation of 60 colorful Japanese Koi fish from Mr. Art Prinze of Pasadena.